Letters

Coleman speaks out

Editor:

I am taking this method of congratulating David Nash on his election as Supervisor from the Clover Hill Voting District of Appomattox County.

I also want to thank all who voted for me, and especially those three precincts giving me the winning votes they contributed.

Wednesday, November 9, I attended a meeting of the Central Piedmont Employment Consortium (representing 11 of the jurisdictions of Planning Districts 11 and 12). It is composed of the chief elected officials in most instances, one from each jurisdiction, called the Policy Board. There is also another group organized to help train persons to fill jobs. This group is called the Private Industry Council and is composed of non-elected persons, the majority of whom represent top officials in industry.

I mention this particular group, especially the elected officials with whom I have been associated in several ways, as I want to give some idea of the friendships I have formed for our county.

I hope David Nash will take my place in this body as it is developing into a force to train Appomattox people for job openings.

Only elected officials can serve on the Central Piedmont Policy Board, preferably the Chief Elected official.

Another assignment I would suggest to David Nash is as a member of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission. I have been serving as Chairman and as such have been able to look out for our county's interests. For one, working with a sub-committee, the Special Implementation Strategies Committee. This committee has been responsible for selecting high priority projects to be considered for the urban area of Lynchburg, highways.

At my request they have included the 460 By-Pass of Appomattox as one of the priorities for construction. Nine priorities have been selected, the 9th is our bypass. The inclusion of the bypass has been approved by the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Council and the Central Virginia Planning District Commission. It is now back to the Special Implementation Strategies Committee to work up strategies for implementation for the nine projects. Eight are a part of the Year 2000 Transportation Plan for the Lynchburg Urban Area and the ninth is our bypass.

In May testimony was given before a hearing of the Highway Commission in Lynchburg. Again, in November I testified about the need for this bypass, to a different body at the Highway District Office in Lynchburg.

It is necessary for an elected official representing Appomattox County take my place if the bypass is to become a reality in the near future. It will take at least seven years from now before construction can take place, even if it gets into the construction plan in 1983.

Another of my assignments for the county consists as a director on the Board of the Central Virginia Community Services. My direct responsibility has been to work toward one building housing most of the 18 different divisions of that agency, and to work toward more assistance for those needing their services in our county. Since Appomattox County contributes to the operating cost of this agency, I have made sure we get value due us. By the consolidation of services, there will be a saving in the cost of operation, with improved professional care. I have served as Chairman of the Facilities Committee, and as such have encouraged the changing of leases in the various loeations to have a common anniversary. Through this and some consolidations made working with the program committee, the number of locations have been reduced.

One of the programs has been of considerable interest to me. It is called Project Daniel and deals with mentally retarded children through age 2. It is a program that helps adults to care for their young children when in this group. The approximately two years in this program are worth several more at a later age. I have also given what help I could with the other programs of the agency.

During the past 18 months I have been serving as Chairman of Appomattox County Social Services Board. As such I have been in a position through my relationship with other agencies to gain some advantages for this Department One was the Long-Term Care Program now in effect in the department. This is the program that is responsible for keeping people out of nursing homes and in their own or foster home suntil the cost through Medicare, etc. shows it would be better to go into an institution.

I have encouraged the director, Mrs. Virginia Babcock in many ways in this department's work. We have had an employment program that has trained several clients of the department in various types of work. With the help of the person in the department responsible for placing trained persons, several have been placed. Since the State Employment office is in Lynchburg for the Appomattox area, I have been working toward extending the employment person in the office to give more help, even to those not on benefits from the department.

As of now, it appears we will realize this through my connection with the Central Piedmont Employment Consortium. This tie-in will be of considerable financial value to our county with the training of persons for jobs already available.

As a member of the Central Virginia Planning Commission, I have appointed a committee to determine the various plans for financing industrial expansion not only in Appomattox County, but also in the other jurisdictions of the Commission area. The Commission not to do the financing, but to have available recommended plans for financing. This project should be followed up, preferably by our representative on the commission.

As a member of the Appomattox County Planning Commission, among other things I have practically completed, with the help of the commission, an ordinance for the county including the towns of Appomattox and Pamplin. Appomattox already has an ordinance, and the combined ordinance takes that into consideration. It has been drawn up from the rural standpoint as opposed to the usual one in urban areas.

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting, had as one of their resolutions, the adoption of a zoning ordinance for Appomattox County.In the development of the present ordinance, we had a sub-committee of ten persons related to farming operations review the part dealing with agricultural interests and changes were made to suit their requests. It had their approval at that point. The Appomattox County Planning Commission had used great care in what they approved.

There has been no charge for the professional work done by the Executive Director of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission after the original draft was completed. The revised draft has been checked with care to make certain it meets all of the requirements of the Codes of Virginia.

Normally it would require several thousand dollars to draw up a plan such as we have, the only cost to the county has been the duplicating of material for the plan and postage to mail it to members. It had been my plan to do the necessary mapping with assistance from the Executive Director, Mr. Hibbert, still at no professional help.

After all was ready, I expected to have group presentations around the county to obtain comments from any wishing to do so. A look around the county will show things that have happened to decrease the value of residential property. Look along 460. A used car sales dealer in the midst of nice homes, a home trailer camp and commercial building next to a nice home, another used car dealer in a residential location, and so on.

A zoning ordinance allows perons in such instances as mentioned in the preceeding paragraph, to protest such instances, if they wish, without having to attempt to protect themselves by bringing suit. As one of the members on the committee of agricultural persons, there are some disadvantages, but the protecton provided is worth more than the disadvantages.

The purpose of a hearing by groups, is to give all interested persons an opportunity for 1. learning about the ordinance; 2. How they are affected by it; 3. What change, if any, would be desirable. In this way there is an effort to keep the groups of interested people small enough so all can be heard and given a chance to learn what it is all about. The natural thing for persons not knowing how something works is to be opposed to it. The Appomattox County Planning Commission handles the hearings and when it is finished it refers the results to the Board of Supervisors, for action. Up to the time it is referred to the Board of Supervisors, there is no action required on their part.

Many persons have voiced their desire for zoning in the county. This is their opportunity to speak up.

I have only mentioned the county governmental related operations in which I have been involved.

Horace W. Coleman, Jr.
Pamplin, Va.

Parents invited

Dear Parents:

During the time period of November 13 through November 21, 1983, we will be celebrating American Education Week. It is a time when educators, parents, and the community reflect upon the history of our country and the role that the American education system has played in shaping our nation. Education has changed significantly through the years and presently tries to stay aware of student and society needs. Historically, education has been strengthened through the combined efforts of parents, educators and the community joining hands and working for a better society.

American Education Week provides an opportunity for us to recognize our educators and community persons who provide support for our educational goals and objectives. At Appomattox County High School, we want to thank each and every person who has served or is currently serving as a member of an Appomattox County High School advisory or booster group. Presently, there are three booster groups and ten advisory groups; they are as follows: Band Boosters - Linda Seay, Chairperson; Athletics Boosters - Alton Smith, Chairperson; Chorale Boosters - Betty McGann, Chairperson; Distributive Education - Jim Beaty, Chairperson; Home Economics - Ocie Mack, Chairperson; Business Education - Larry White; Agrieulture Education - Johnny Harrison, Chairperson; Drafting - Norman Hansen, Chairperson; Auto Mechanics - Tom Pankey, Chairperson; Electronics - Lynwood Barr, Chairperson; General Advisory County-David Zimmerman, Chairperson; Parents Advisory Council Members, & Gifted & Talented Advisory Council Members.

We want to extend an invitation to parents and the community to come to Appomattox County High School on Thursday, November 17, and visit with teachers in classrooms to learn more about our instructional program. Also at 12:00 you are invited to meet in the library with the principals for discussions followed by lunch. If you can join us on November 17, please contact the main office at 352-7146.

Sincerely,
Donald L. Armentrout
Principal

Opposes Communism

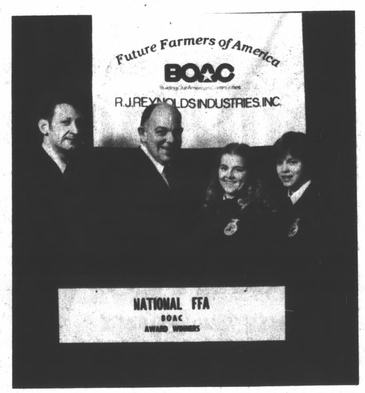
Editor:

The shooting down of an unarmed Korean airliner by the Soviet MiG is a very characteristic reflection of the barbaric and criminal government that rules the Soviet Union. A life of a man is the cheapest thing in Soviet Russia. The Russian communists consider man a toiling animal. J

Those who know communism realize that the Soviets wanted to show the world they can do whatever they like with impunity. They have delivered repeatedly this message in invading Afhanistan recently, in sending a brigade to Cuba, in suppressing Poland's Solidarity, in making war in Central America, in murdering Laotians and Cambodians, in deporting the inhabitants of the Soviet Union to slave labor camps and in shooting the Pope. They committed all those crimes almost without any impunity.

Those who engage in peace movements in the West ignore the fact that there is a peace of concentration camps in the Soviet Union. That is the kind of "peace" the Soviets are offering the United States and the other Western democracies. A real peace can be secured only through military strength because communists respect and understand only force.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis
Farmville



Coleman, Ballowe attend banquet

MR. FRANK W. NAYLOR Jr., Under Secretary for Small/Communities and Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Left) and M. Laird Willson, Vice President, Del Monte Corporation, a subsidiary of R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., greeted Appomattox Sr. FFA Vice-President Lisa Coleman and President Cat Ballowe at the National BOAC Awards Banquet held last week at the National FFA Convention.

Approves plans

Editor's Note: the following letter was addressed to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisers, the Virginia State Police, and the state Highway Department, with a copy submitted to the Times-Virginian for publication.

A special thank you for the consideration being given to Route 26 to make it safer for everyone who travels it.

I can see some good results already taking shape, in a few more safety signs and more state men observing the motorists.

Also, thanks to Billy Williamson and all the citizens who took the time to read and sign the petition to make Route 26 a safer highway to travel.

Sincerely,
Lucy F. Merritt

Patriotic, or not?

Editor:

It was a pleasure to see the many flags flying around the county this Veterans Day. Many businesses, state and local offices, etc...had their flags flying, whether their places of business were open or not.

However, it was particularly distressing to notice the lack of respect shown at the local United States Post Office building this Veterans Day. NO FLAG FLYING!!!

I am not sure that this is particularly a local problem, but maybe a national one that needs to be called to the attention of our elected officials to be sure that similar situations never arise again. After all, many men and women have served in our armed forces over the years to help preserve our liberty so that these public servants might have a public to SERVE.

Sincerely,
DENNIS E. GRAGG
Commander American Legion Post 104
PAT HARVEY,
Sec./Treas., American Legion Auxiliary

Senior FFA members cited

Members of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter received national recognition last week for their work last year in two areas of FFA activities.

The chapter received a silver emblem in both the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) and National Chapter Awards Contest. Both awards were presented during the awards sessions of the annual National FFA Convention held last week in Kansas City.

Chapter President Cat Ballowe and Vice-President Lisa Coleman attended the convention accepted the awards on behalf of the chapter.

The Chapter was one of 196 BOAC winners recognized at a special awards banquet hosted by the National FFA Foundation, Inc. and the BOAC special sponsor, R. J. Reynolds, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The BOAC program recognizes FFA chapters for their community development activities. BOAC awards are presented at the area, state and national levels for a variety of community development activities including preserving community history, organizing local farmer markets, building community fire halls and many other improvement projects. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities to members by giving them a chance to work with community leaders and organizations.

The local chapter's main projects included work on the Children's Park picnic shelter and improvements to the Nature Trail on the land lab. The BOAC program has been endorsed by the National Vo-Ag Teachers Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration-USDA, and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Senior FFA Chapter was also recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation in its overall chapter work. This award marks the twenty-first consecutive national Chapter Contest award for the local FFA chapter.

The award recognizes chapter efforts in community work, cooperative programs, public relations, recreation, scholarship, participation in state and national activities and other activities. Appomattox Sr. FFA was one of only 16 Virginia FFA chapters to receive recognition this year in the Chapter Contest.

Floyd graduates

Airman Raymond L. Floyd, Jr., son of Raymond L. Floyd of Lovingston, Va., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force medical laboratory specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates learned how to prepare and analyze biological specimens and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Floyd will now serve at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.

His wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Heil J. and Nell Goldstein of Rural Route 1, Gladstone, Va.

The airman is a 1982 graduate of Nelson County High School, Lovingston.

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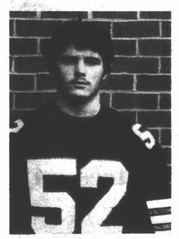
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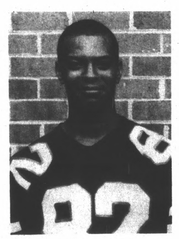
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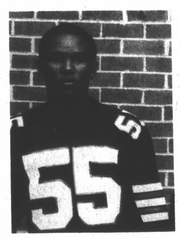
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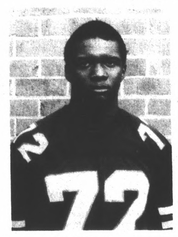
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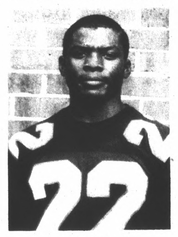
Ricky Turner

Named to All-District team

Raiders recognized

Six members of the Raider varsity football team have been recognized in voting for the 1983 All-District football squad, according to a release from Seminole District headquarters.

Carl Banks was named to the second team as a defensive tackle, according to the release.

In addition, five players from Appomattox received honorable mention. They are scott Almond (offensive guard), Kevin Kendricks (tight end), Ron Kelso and Todd Scuggs (defensive ends), and Ricky Turner (defensive back).

Back of the year honors went to Mike Young of Liberty, and Lineman of the year honors went to Richard Morrison of Brookville.

Coach of the year for 1983 was Ron Cox of William Campbell.

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SPORTS

To Seminole All-District Squad

Watkins named

Sandra Watkins of the Appomattox Raiderette varsity basketball team was named to the first team of the Seminole District Girls Basketball All-District squad, according to a release from district headquarters.

Watkins, a 5-8 senior guard, led the district in scoring with 340 points (18.9 per game average), had 83 rebounds, 59 steals and 14 assists.

Others named to the first team were Jenny Heet of Altavista, Veronica Glass of Gretna, Dina Thomas of Jefferson Forest, Almeta Austin of Jefferson Forest, Laura Burks of Liberty, Audrey Robinson of Altavista, Sherry Catron of Liberty, Alice Apperson of Buckingham, and Ann Callaham of William Campbell.

Jenny Hecht of Altavista was named the district's player of the year, and Linda Smithers of Altavista was named coach of the year.

Westvaco open Saturday

As a service to area hunters, the Westvaco Timberlands Headquarters Office in Appomattox will be open this Saturday, Nov. 19, for the sale of hunting permits from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays next Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25.

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Rabies precautions noted

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required - a week between the first two and two to three weeks between the 2nd and 3rd.

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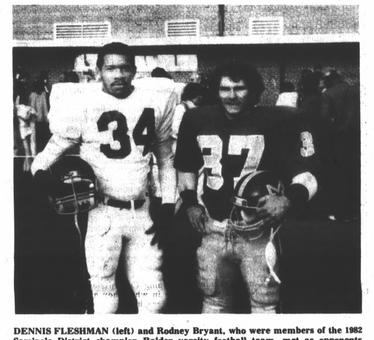
Individuals who believe that they have been exposed to a suspected animal should wash the wound well with plain soap and water. The suspect animal should be captured or killed **[without damaging the brain]** and contact should be established with a local health department immediately.



DENNIS FLESHMAN (left) and Rodney Bryant, who were members of the 1982 Seminole District champion Raider varsity football team, met as opponents recently when the college football teams of Lenoir-Rhyne and Mars Hill met at Mars Hill, N.C. The freshmen have both seen considerable playing time this season, with Fleshman playing running back for Lenoir-Rhyne, and Bryant playing at defensive back and on special teams for Mars Hill. In the Nov. 5 matchup between the two college teams, Fleshman was unable to play because of a chipped bone in his shoulder. Mars Hill won the contest.

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